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Dear Sir/Madam,

Your refund request for 10827367 in the amount of \$385.00 has been denied.

No refund is due. There was not a small entity assertion file in November 2000, for this patent therefore the refund is denied. For additional information concerning this refund request contact karen Bowman in the Status and Entity branch at (703) 306-5491.

Sincerely,

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